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Rebecca Suttles, Principal

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Dear Mr. Ghosh:

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As the principal of Knippa High School, in Knippa, Texas, I see the impact that a rock quarry has on a community every day. Right in the middle of Knippa, we have a Vulcan Materials' quarry. We are proud of this distinction, so proud that our school's nickname is the Rock Crushers.

I care deeply about children and have devoted my life to educating them. I was a teacher for several years and now absolutely enjoy being a principal. I could not advocate anything that would be harmful to children. When I began hearing opponents of Vulcan Materials' project in Medina County, I was disappointed that they did not take the time to experience what I have. Vulcan Materials is a very safe company and a very conscientious company. They are devoted to our community and support our residents in many ways. I wholeheartedly support their effort to start a rock quarry in Medina County and encourage approval for a rail line.

For 12 years, Vulcan has given more than I could imagine to our community and our schools. The employees are honest. They will treat Medina County residents well. Vulcan does what they say they will do.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Suttles
Principal, Knippa School

cc:
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs
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